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High: 61
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High: 48
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Clinton Comes to UMW

By SUSANNAH CLARK

Viewpoints Editor

UMW junior Courtney Hayes arrived at the doors of Great Hall at 7:45 a.m., six and a half hours before President William J. Clinton took the stage at the surprise rally Monday. It was her 21st birthday.

"I wanted to be in front and be hardcore," Hayes said. "I actually beat the secret service here."

President Clinton's appearance was announced publicly by e-mail at 8:34 a.m., four hours before the rally's anticipated 12:30 start.

According to the press release, the President came to speak at UMW to campaign for his wife, presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Teresa Mannix, director of news and public information, said in an interview that the rally was "like a free Fredericksburg Forum."

That morning, students and community members formed a line that spanned from the entrance to Great Hall all the way past Trinkle Hall on the south end of campus. The line members had "Vote Hillary" signs, as well as scarves and gloves; the temperature dropped to 17 degrees.

UMW Fire Marshall Ruth Lovelace estimated over 1,000 in attendance, with Great Hall at full capacity at 600 people. The remaining 400 stood outside and downstairs in the Eagle's Nest.

When the doors were finally opened to the crowd at noon, people ran to the stage while Tom Petty's "American Girl" was played over the stereo system.

Clinton began the rally by announcing

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Beth Wilkins/Bullet

No Surprises in VA Dorm Choice Moves Online

McCain, Obama Sweep the State;
Student Clubs Support Their Party

By ANNIE KINNIBURGH
Staff Writer

While for most students Tuesday's primary was just another election, for student political organizations the primary represented a critical turning point in a political process.

President of the Young Democrats Colin Biddle, a senior, said that the tight race between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton is indicative of a surge of enthusiasm within the Democratic Party.

"Democrats are energized like they have never been before in our lives," Biddle said. "The last time candidates spoke to so many fundamental values of the Democratic Party was during JFK and LBJ's presidencies."

The Young Democrats and College Republicans, the two main political clubs on campus, spent the past two months leading up to the Virginia primary campaigning both on and off cam-

pus for their candidates. As the culmination of these efforts, the primary results were cause for celebration, analysis, and renewed resolve.

Obama took the lead with 64 percent of the Democratic vote and won all three states in the Potomac Primaries—Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. He will move on to next week's primaries with added political momentum.

"That Obama won the Potomac primaries has made this race even more exciting to watch," said senior Anna Cloeter. "He's quite clearly competitive in Clinton's demographics and has proved that his earlier wins weren't just aberrations."

Chairperson of the College Republicans, Rebekah Blackwell, a sophomore, said that John McCain's victory over Mike Huckabee was not a surprise, but

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Police Up Arsenal

By JUSTIN TONEY
News Editor

The University Police Department recently acquired three M4 semi-automatic rifles.

Mary Washington is now the second university in Virginia to own patrol rifles, second to Virginia Tech, and the only Virginia university to have accessory medical supplies and armor as well.

According to Police Chief James Snipes, the decision to acquire rifles is provisional necessity for campus security.

"It's been due to incidents that have occurred nation-wide for 10 years," Snipes said.

Snipes, who used rifles in his previous non-campus department added that the transition from shotguns to rifles is a common police decision. The look of

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Katy Burnell/Bullet
UMW Police Chief James Snipes uses an unloaded M4 to demonstrate the appropriate handling of the new patrol rifles.

President Bill Clinton greets the assembled crowd of 600 mostly Mary Washington students during his last-minute campaign stop on Monday. Students beside him from top to bottom: seniors Taylor Harper, Anna Cloeter, and Verin Cho.

By ELIZABETH BODI
Staff Writer

When University of Mary Washington Junior Amy Baldwin left housing selection her freshman year, she was in tears.

Baldwin's unfortunate lottery number forced her to wait five hours during the selection process. At the end of the evening, she accepted one of the last available spaces: a placement in Ball Hall with a roommate other than the one she started the night with.

"It was the third worst night of my life," Baldwin said, "third only to the engine of my car nearly exploding on I-95, and almost ruining a televised ceremony by getting lost with its awards in the back of my car."

Divided based upon class standing, the three nights of housing selection gather about 65 percent of the University's nearly 4,000 undergraduates, hopeful and anxious alike, into Great Hall every year.

This year, Residence Life is trying to ease some of the student frustrations aroused by housing selection.

Director of Residence Life Christine Porter and her have researched and implemented effort-saving alternatives to the regular selection process.

One change is that students who have previously paid the \$200 deposit will not have to renew it.

"In discussions with Student Accounts, we learned the deposits can be rolled from year to year and decided that we'd go in that direction to simplify the process for everyone," Porter said.

Additionally, returning students will fill out housing and dining contracts online. While most see this as an improvement, technical difficulties complicate

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Christopher Preble



To speak about
"The Bankruptcy of
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Wednesday, Feb. 20
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Film Festival

5th Annual Student
Film Fest. Doors
open at 6:15 p.m.,
Friday, Feb. 15 in
Dodd Auditorium.



Celebrate the 90s
with music, food,
games, and prizes
Saturday, Feb. 16,
9 p.m. in Randolph
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Police Beat

By KATY BURNELL
News Editor



Jan. 20- At 3:59 p.m., campus police permanently barred three juveniles and 22-year-old Fredericksburg resident Robert Scott Bourne from campus, after one of the trespassers shouted "f*** you" at an officer near the Ridderhoff-Martin Gallery. The officer had apprehended the four male suspects earlier that day for skateboarding on the Russell Hall steps and advised them to leave campus for the day. He followed them down College Ave. where he saw them resume skateboarding on campus and ordered them banned for life.

Jan. 26- At 12:09 a.m., campus and Fredericksburg police departments joined forces to break up a 32-person party on the third floor of building 4 in the UMW Apartments complex. Campus police received a noise complaint and the responding officer radioed for backup on-scene. Two Fredericksburg police officers assisted in lining up and processing the 22 under-aged and 6 over-21 party-goers. According to the officer's report, one offender attempted to evade police by concealing himself under a bed. No arrests were made, but the alleged

incidents of under-aged drinking prompted the officer to issue several administrative referrals.

Jan. 28- At 2:08 p.m., campus police were notified that someone had stolen the exterior Russell Hall sign. Police have no suspects or witnesses in the case, no cost estimate for the sign, and no recollection of any residence hall signs being stolen in the recent past.

Jan. 30- At 8:57 a.m., campus police responded to the scene of an unprecedented crime in Jefferson Square, where the limbs had been hacked from a 7-foot dogwood tree valued at \$225. The UMW staff member who reported the crime found the branches littered around the base of the tree. There are no suspects or witnesses in the ongoing investigation. The tree is being replaced.

Jan. 31- At 11:59 a.m., campus police responded to the basement of Trinkle Hall, where one set of blackout shades had been stolen from B17 during the previous week. There are no suspects or wit-

nesses in the theft and police have no assessed value of the shades.

Feb. 1- At 12:36 a.m., a would-be chef triggered the fire alarm in the second-floor Mason Hall kitchen while attempting to perfect a grilled cheese sandwich. Fredericksburg Fire and Rescue personnel cleared smoke from the kitchen with fans and located the alarm source—the charred remains of an inedible dinner.

Feb. 2- At 9:43 a.m., Fredericksburg Fire and Rescue personnel were summoned to campus after campus police received a request for emergency assistance from Jefferson Hall, where a 19-year-old fourth-floor male resident was stuck between floors in the elevator.

Feb. 3- At 11:33 a.m., athletic staff reported four composite-wood benches missing from the outdoor tennis courts on Hanover Street. There are no suspects or witnesses in the ongoing investigation.

Wind Lifts Cafe Roof

By CHERLIE MEREDITH
Staff Writer

Around 2 p.m. last Sunday, a pedestrian notified Fredericksburg police that a building on the corner of William and Princess Anne Streets was about to lose its roof.

Intense winds caused part of a metal roof lift away from the brick building housing local eateries, the Café New Orleans and the Bourbon Room.

Weather reports for that day called for wind speeds between 20 and 40 mph.

After arriving on the scene, Fredericksburg Fire and Police Departments closed a portion of William Street.

When the winds subsided, the roof was boarded back in place until more permanent repairs could be made.

**Emergency vehicles blockade
downtown William Street.**



Chelsea Meredith/Bullet

New E-Housing

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the process.

The new system caused confusion when students tried to submit a new contract and received a message saying that they had already submitted one.

Porter explained that the glitches students experienced during the first days of using the online system had two causes. "The first was human error. I had set the online process for the wrong semester," Porter said. The second was

a coding issue that the Department of Information Technology fixed.

Residence Life sent an email notification to the student body Feb. 6, alerting them of the problem. By the next day the technical errors had been corrected, and as of Feb. 12 over 800 contracts have been submitted electronically.

"Basically, by the time the email was sent, [the contract] was already fixed," Porter said.

Senior Mike Man said that while moving the process online was understandable and cut out paperwork, it did give him some difficulties. "There wasn't a place to state you were home-steading on the housing contract, and it's obviously made for incoming students with the questions about choosing a residence hall," Man said.

Although going online means housing selection requires less effort, it does not necessarily mean less anxiety as freshman Katy Fleming knows.

"I'm very intimidated," Fleming said. "I'm terrified of being stuck down the hill in Marshall." Fleming and her friends are trying to fill an entire suite and hope that they will not be split up.

When they run out of available rooms, Residence Life puts those left without a room assignment, who have signed the housing and dining contract on a priority list. They are guaranteed

room, but may not know their assignments until the summer.

"I don't anticipate it being more than we've worked with in the past. Several years ago I had over 200 people on the priority list and we housed all of those people," said Porter.

Junior Amy Baldwin recalls the frustration of her freshman selection night. "A lot of people around me were crying because they couldn't be with their roommates or didn't have a place to live at all," she said. "I even tried to see if I could move off campus, but told me I couldn't get out of the contract."

Residence Life policy says that once a contract is submitted, students cannot be released unless they plan on leaving the University.

According to the Residence Life fact sheet on housing, dissatisfaction with a room assignment, not getting a preferred roommate, or deciding to move off-campus does not nullify the contract.

In order to meet housing demands, Residence Life may wait for currently housed students to leave the University, or they may create upper-class floors in freshman dorms.

Different housing processes are in use at institutions like the University of Virginia, where students do not sign contracts until after they have been offered a room. At James Madison University, students get individual appointment times for selection based on their lottery numbers.

Porter has requested approximately \$150,000 to buy a program that could move selection completely online. She is unsure if it will be approved.

"Implementing a system like this involves many different players," Porter said. "It would probably take a year to implement after receiving budget approval."

UMW Gets M4s

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the patrol rifle is more aggressive than a shotgun, but from a tactical law enforcement perspective, "it's an advantage in this time in the United States," Snipes said.

The Fredericksburg Police Department previously upgraded to the M4s. Snipes cited this as further incentive for UMW to acquire the rifles.

Acting President Rick Hurley echoed Snipes' sentiment about the need to have an arsonal compatible to nearby police agencies.

"The rationale for their acquisition made sense to me, i.e. our weapons inventory should be compatible with our supporting police department, Fredericksburg, and that this rifle has become the standard among police departments across the country," Hurley said in an e-mail.

Snipes said that the first thing he did after becoming Chief of Police in 2000 was to ask the University for funding to purchase the rifles.

His budget requests were denied.

Hurley, who is responsible for the review of the Dept. budget as Vice President of Administration and Finance, said the decision to deny the request was strictly a financial one.

"Lack of funds has been the reason," Hurley said. "In this case, no new funds had to

be allocated because of the trade-in value of the older shotguns."

Hurley does not object to Snipes' request for a fourth M4.

"I pray that we never have a day where any type of gun has to be fired on this campus," Hurley said.

Though Snipes also hopes the rifles will never need to be used he insists on their importance.

"When the time comes when you need it, you need it. No other piece of equipment will do," he said.

A few weeks ago, Snipes asked for a fourth M4.

Snipes worked with local business Combat Solutions to negotiate a deal whereby the UMW police sold their 4 shotguns for a discount on the already reduced price of three M4 rifles.

Combat Solutions also donated expensive medical equipment called "Quik Clot," used by medics in the Iraq conflict.

Associate Vice President of Safety and Community Services Susan Knick orchestrated a further purchase of tactical armor.

Each \$700 vest is capable of stopping a rifle round.

After trade-in, the weapons and necessary accessories cost the Dept. \$975.

The guns come with carrying cases and multiple magazines. Unlike the military-issue models, the campus M4s can not perform burst nor automatic fire.

Snipes and Samuels listed the particular advantages to having rifles over shotguns.

A rifle has greater range, power, and control, according to Snipes.

Samuels said that the Dept. plans to purchase frangible ammunition for added safety. These explosive balistics are designed to pierce flesh, but shatter upon contact with denser materials.

All 16 of the Dept. officers must be certified to use the weapons before they can be stored in the UMW patrol car where they will be used only in case of emergency.

As of this week, Joe Gagliardi is the only officer certified to use the rifles.



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Viewpoints

Staff Editorial

Let's all give a big hand to those in both the Writers Guild of America and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers—honestly. With the official votes to the end the writers' strike counted last Tuesday after 100 days of picketing, we begin a new process of violent curiosity as the two groups negotiate, giving us what we can at least hope is a return to normalcy in the gleaming flashbulbs of the entertainment world.

To those of us selfish enough to care about our TV work-escape schedule, this means that most shows can receive a glorious few new episodes before the beginning of the summer. It means we can bask in our celebrity-induced haze of Oscar madness as programming will air as planned. It means a return to major studio productions only interrupted in filming by...well, only things not strike-related.

But beyond all the whiny "How am I supposed to live without *Grey's*?" quips, this means that thousands of hair and makeup designers, builders, cameramen and miscellaneous employees of studios can return to work—employees that didn't even march but still found themselves so affected by the strike that they lost their jobs. This means that writers will hopefully get their dues in revenue from new media like the latest episodes of *Desperate Housewives* streaming online or that Tivo'd episode of *Dexter* you forgot to catch.

Whether you agree with writers getting revenue from the (alleged) barely-scripted reality shows or whether or not the WGA gets screwed from an already-scarce cut of DVD sales in an entertainment age fueled largely by Internet views, to dispute the end of this particular strike is everything, up to evil.

Thousands can reclaim their jobs, hopefully encouraging a better understanding between the two disputing groups—and hey—we can all tune in to *Conan* without his production-stalling Zip Line maneuver, albeit entertaining while it lasted.

Though we won't know about the exact resolutions and negotiations until the end of the month, at least we've got some hope. We've got some hope and we've got some primetime enjoyment to pacify our consumer, distraction-lovin' needs.

Do UMW's Talent Justice

BY JESSICA MASULLI
Guest Columnist

Last Friday the Washroom was filled with the music of students competing in the first round of the UMW talent show. While this event sounds promising enough, it should be more organized, publicized, and more conducive to the performers.

The talent show, in its first year on campus, has been organized by the Late Night Crew that helps OSACS. The generous prize is \$500 for the winner.

All of the right ideas are present, but the event needs to be better handled. This event has the potential to be as big as "Mr. UMW" and other large events on campus.

The talent show consists of three rounds in which students get eliminated. The first round was decided by student votes. The final round will have judges, which will be more fair.

A difficulty with the event is the location. All three rounds are being held in the Washroom. While the Washroom does have a laid-back atmosphere, it is not a favorable location for musicians.

The washroom is a noisy place with people playing pool, ping-pong, and life-size "Connect Four." This is nerve-racking for performers who are used to quiet.

Also, there is not enough seating. For the first round, students pulled up couches

and sat on tables. What will they do for the final round when more students are expected to come?

As an audience member, I also noticed the condition of the piano. The piano being used was brought from Willard. It was in poor condition and out of tune.

Dodd Auditorium has a grand piano, a better sound system, more seating, and better acoustics.

It would be possible to fill Dodd Auditorium if there was a more organized and greater amount of publicity.

To start, the talent show could be put higher up in the OSACS weekly e-mail every week, instead of just once at the bottom.

Steven Thomas, the assistance director of OSACS, is trying to get more publicity by taking all the contestants pictures. He also is planning on starting a Facebook group to attract people.

Other ways to get people to the event could be writing on the rock and creating

flyers. Getting more people to the event is important so that the audience consists of more than just friends of the contestants.

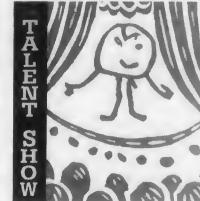
At Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina, there is a talent show held every year. The event is the largest on campus, with over fifty people at the auditions alone. You may ask how big the school is. The school has less than 1000 people. We are four times that size, yet we can only get about eight people at the first round.

This does not mean that Mary Washington has a lack of talent. It means that advertising needs to be greater for the coming years.

As an audience member, I propose that the talent show be moved to Dodd Auditorium, or if this is not possible due to time conflicts, the Great Hall. I also would like to see increased publicity so that true talent at Mary Washington can be showcased.

I realize that this is the first year for the talent show and that in the future it could be more organized, but I would like to see more people support the performers in the next two rounds.

Jessica Masulli is a freshman.



Pornography is no "Victimless Crime"

The following letter was written in response to "Sexualizations" (Feb. 7, 2008, the Bullet):

Dear Editor:

Wasn't it cute to profile those funny little websites for kinky people with weird pictures of women positioned as food? Cannibal fetish! Tee hee hee! Gosh darn, there is so much freaky stuff on that there internet thing!

I suppose it is part of the liberal arts experience to expose ourselves to the entire range of, ahem, human endeavor, broadly defined; but we must do so with a critical eye and with responsibility. February 7th's *Sexualizations* column achieved neither of these, and in the case of that column it was a serious failure.

On Thursday January 31st, a woman Kelly Besedick spoke at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Large Group meeting about her work with victims of sex trafficking in Southeast Asia.

She has started a company, "Wonderfully Made," that employs rehabilitated women and girls in the design and production of jewelry for the Western market. In the several years that she has been engaged in this so far, she has seen hundreds upon hundreds of girls age 6 up mentally and physically scarred from being raped multiple times a day and forced to have abortions if impregnated, for years on end.

Not to mention simply the practice of being bought and sold on a bar in a smoky club. The vast majority of women in this sex industry are forced into it because it is one of the few

ways for a young female to earn money, and families sometimes send their girls off to the city to prostitute them so there will be food on the table.

The market for these women is men from all over the world, including Virginia. How does word about places, numbers, addresses spread?

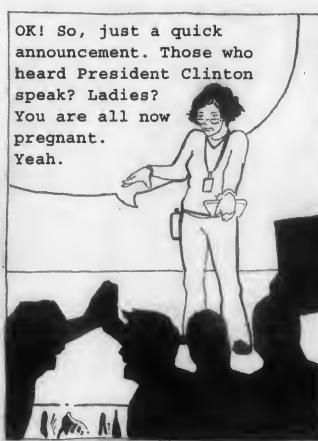
By internet sites and blogs; by millions of individuals connected finding fetishes and desires in common through websites like "Muki's Kitchen" mentioned by KJ Adler last week. The internet has served to connect and legitimize so many kinks of human behavior and interest, and perhaps the greatest arena of this is sex-related.

When we say that pornography in America today is a "victimless crime" and condone it, we encourage not only the degradation of women and men, but we encourage the literal market and psychological backing of the sex trade and other overly violent sex crimes.

For every person like the German man Adler mentioned, who gives consent to be eaten, or consent to have sex with dozens of people, or to be filmed, there are hundreds who did not give consent or were coerced. Even if an individual consented to whatever act, do we have to exploit them for it?

Next time Ms. Adler is browsing the internet, I hope she finds more than just titillating sleaze sites. And next time you, the readers, are getting your rocks off by your computer late at night, think twice about the sites you are patronizing.

Thomas Roberts is a junior.



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Viewpoints

Sexclamations

By KJ Adler, Staff Writer

Being a single female on Valentine's Day, one would think "Oh no, here comes the long, labored rant about why Valentine's Day is stupid and the card companies are evil."

But honestly I don't really care one way or the other about this holiday. On the one hand I like the fact that we have a holiday where one can adorn a room with hearts for one day without being embarrassingly cheesy.

On the other hand, I think it's a bit cruel to have a day completely dedicated to the happiness of couples, leaving the rest of the population to feel utterly rejected. But then again, this holiday should only get to you if you are really that uncomfortable being single.

A few weeks ago I eavesdropped on some people talking about their previous experiences in love, or lack thereof, complaining to each other about how hard it is to find a good soul-mate. The first girl talked about her faith and how it was through God and prayer that she finally acquired a boyfriend. The second person stated that he had yet to find "the one" and was unsure if it would ever happen. He thought that there were a few potentials but they proved to be inadequate.

While these two people were engaging in a perfectly normal sounding conversation, I couldn't help but react to it with a bit of uneasiness. Why is it that people create this Holy Grail of a partner for themselves?

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on your nerves and there will be fights and makeups and tender words. Being in a relationship will end some problems in one's life but create new ones.

To search for the perfect mate as if they are a prize to be won is just odd to me. It's as if people have the impression that they meet that person and BAM, they have a relationship and happiness and completion. That's not how it usually works.

I'm no expert, but most successful couples I know will have met - randomly, be acquaintances/friends for a while and then turn that into something more when it feels right and is at the right time for the two of them.

There is no seeing each other from across the room and immediately falling under the grip of love or a passionate one night stand that turns into something more afterwards.

So what I'm trying to get at for all of those searching for singles out there is to stop stressing. No need for prayer or for cries of desperation. Just go with the flow and see what happens. And if you feel that the moment is right, put yourself out there, if just for a little bit. The worst that can happen is that friends remain friends.

Even St. Valentine put himself out there. You saw that point coming, didn't you?

According to one of the more popular legends, St. Valentine fell in love with one of the jailer's daughters and wrote her a love note before he was executed. Martyrs, what can you do?

While romantic, there is a problem with this story: he never receives an answer from his beloved. So I say, go for it before it's too late, singles. Be the anti-Valentine that you want to be and don't do what he does: willingly put yourself under the axe and tell that person of interest (or at least altitude to) your feelings for him/her before it is too late. And I promise that unlike our good friend St. Valentine, you will survive.

Susannigans

Broken Bones and Conversation Hearts

By Susannah Clark, Viewpoints Editor

I've been planning this Valentine's Day column since the first "Susannigans" was published last September. For months I have been storing not-so-subtle tactics to express my predictable and clichéd frustrations as they come to a climax on Feb. 14th—Singles' Awareness Day. I was excited to rant and stab at my past year of rejection and almosts.

Then this week happened.

On Monday I joined the rest of the campus in welcoming former President Clinton—aka, my biggest celebrity crush. Empowered and inspired, I ventured home to Arlington, Va. on Tuesday to vote. Less than an hour after practicing my civic duty, I was involved in a traumatic car accident on the ride back to school, my third collision in less than a year. (I was only the driver for one.)

During my thirteen-hour wait in the emergency room at Fairfax INOVA Hospital—my broken nose and fractured hand were a low priority on the icy night that brought victims from

17-car-pile-ups and more—I came to the familiar conclusion that all of my romantic qualms are completely in vain.

Valentine's Day, with all of its lonely and bitter connotations, is still just another day of existing to be grateful for. As I impatiently waited for care, curled in my mother's lap, I watched stretcher by stretcher zoom by, each patient's trauma bloodier than the last. Considering a broken hand, nose, and spirit are the worst blows I've taken after three head-on collisions, I'm pretty damn

lucky to be alive. I may not have Cupid looking after me, but there's definitely some kind of guardian angel perched on my shoulder.

So as I shelf away my contrived "I bet you think this column is about you, don't you" attitude, I have replaced my efforts for self-serving justice with heart-shaped perspective.

I'm single. I'm 19 years old. It's not the end of the world. It's actually the beginning.

Plus, wearing a cast on my arm could make for some great opportunities for cute boys to hold the door for me.

And I still got to touch Bill Clinton.



CORRECTION:

In last week's "Susannigans" column, ("House: The Comforts of Holmes," Feb. 7, 2008, The Bullet) Viewpoints Editor Susannah Clark incorrectly alluded to Charlie Brown's athletic capabilities. Ms. Clark coined the phrase: "House not solving a case would be like Charlie Brown finally catching the football—uncomfortably realistic." Mr. Brown's signature sports humiliation involves kicking a football; there is no evidence to suggest that his ability to catch is below standard. Ms. Clark, a self-proclaimed pretentious pop-culture pundit,

is humbled and would like to extend her apologies to Mr. Brown, the late Mr. Schultz, and to football kickers everywhere. Good Grief.



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Entertainment

'Far Away' an Intellectual Delight

By ANNIE KINNIBURGH
Staff Writer

For a play visually dominated by a variety of bizarre and colorful hats, Caryl Churchill's "Far Away" packs quite an intellectual punch.

In a radical departure from last semester's bright and bubbly production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," UMW's Klein Theatre starts the new year with the story of Joan, who grows up in a society torn apart by fear.

Featuring a cast of three main characters, a crowd of prisoners and 60 hats, "Far Away" takes place in three vignettes. The setting is a society so conflicted that by the end monologue everything, even the weather, has taken a side.

"It's literally a world war," said junior Helena Spadacene, who plays the adult Joan.

In order to bring the abstract and symbolic world of "Far Away" to life, the cast and crew spent as much time developing an understanding of the themes of the play as they did understanding the plot and character development.

"It was one of those plays I had to read over

three times before I understood what was going on," said senior Diane Rogers, who plays a prisoner and also worked as a costume designer. "There are so many themes that are implied that you have to think about."

Rogers compared the play to George Orwell's "1984" in its depiction of societal deterioration.

"The characters become so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that they eventually forget what's good," she said. "In the end, it all comes down to who's on your side."

For Spadacene, Joan was a symbol with characteristics grounded in real life.

"Joan is a character who grows up thinking she can cause change," she said. "She's like those college graduates who join the Peace Corps and go to Africa determined to make a difference. But after a few months they realize how small they are and how hard making a difference actually is."

By Joan's end monologue, however, she has fully realized the paranoia and insanity that have overtaken her society, where nations, people, animals and even nature have gone to war with each

other.

"By the end of the play, she has thrown herself into the middle of something that's much bigger than she is," Spadacene said.

But when the character of Joan is introduced in the first scene, she is ignorant of the chaos around her. For the role of young Joan, who at the beginning of the play is 10 years old, director Gregg Stull put out a casting call for young actresses in the greater Fredericksburg community.

The result was Ashley, 10, whose step into the world of college theatre was a major departure from her work with Stage Door Productions, a local non-profit theatre group.

"She has done some acting before, but this was her first major role," said senior Caitlin Lucia, who as stage manager coordinated all aspects of the production. "She was very excited about it."

Junior Steve Perkins acted as a mediator between Ashley's mother and Lucia, ensuring that Ashley said her lines correctly and knew what to improve on after each rehearsal.

Though the actors themselves are important,

the hats, which appear in the second vignette, are the most visually arresting aspect of the show.

"There are 60 hats in this show," said sophomore Tara Lescault, who worked in the costume shop. "We made 24 of them here in the costume shop, working all the way through the two weekends leading up to the show. It was a very lengthy process."

Lescault said that she had put in a total of 50 hours working on the hats.

Although the play clocks in at about an hour, Spadacene said that the length of the show is not an indication of its value.

"This is a play that really makes you want to think about things," she said. "If you don't understand the play, if it confuses you—that's okay. The point is to keep you thinking after you've left your seats."

"Far Away" premieres at the Klein Theatre today, and is scheduled to run until Feb. 24. More information is available at the Box Office in Dupont Hall.

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If you were planning on starting your heroine addiction sometime in the month of February, you probably shouldn't start on Valentine's Day. It just doesn't seem to be a day that screams "heroin addiction," albeit not many days do.

Finally, you should not star in your own porno on Valentine's Day. Some people are just meant for showbiz, but that person probably isn't you. Furthermore, learning to act in a porno takes years of practice in the "biz." In addition, a sex tape counts as porno in this here column.

Unless you can think of a catchy title like Paris Hilton's "A Night in Paris," I highly discourage any thoughts you had in regards to making one.

Well there you have it, a comprehensive guide of what not to do on Valentine's Day. Take this list to heart and disobey at your own risk.

If you come crying to me when you lose your hands in a wood mill, expect neither a Band Aid nor a hug.

Top 5 Things Not To Do On Valentine's Day

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Valentine's Day is a time for a lot of decisions, some good and others horribly bad. Here, The Bullet gives you some handy advice to help you out with which choices you should not be making.

First of all, breaking up with your boyfriend or girlfriend, despite what many believe, is not a fantastic idea. Any other day of the year, other than birthdays, are better than breaking up on Valentine's.

If you're a guy and you break up with your girlfriend, you can expect a mob of girls to be on your trail, hungry for blood.

If you're a girl and you break up with your boyfriend, you can expect to see your man wearing dark clothes, composing poetry, waking up with mysterious cut marks around his wrists or to

just start crying.

If you're already married, cheating on your wife with a teddy bear should also be avoided. Now we all know that teddy bears don't talk back, fight and are much softer at times, but if you're bent on running off with your teddy bear, save it for some insignificant holiday like President's Day, St. Patrick's Day or even Mother's Day. What better way to show mom you care?

Also, avoid chopping your hands off in a wood mill on this special day. This makes signing those tiny valentines even more difficult and tedious. Furthermore, just because red is the color of Valentine's Day, it doesn't mean you have to bleed it! Blood, when your own, is typically more expensive than some cheap acrylic. (This is negotiable when using the blood of a ceremonial goat and/or virgin.)

Heroin is the drug of choice for many in this



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BET Star Speaks at UMW

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Jeff Johnson, the keynote speaker for the University of Mary Washington's celebration of Black History Month, was half an hour late to his own speech. And he was not happy about it.

Johnson, who spoke in the Great Hall last Wednesday, Feb. 6, said that he had been running late since getting off a plane earlier that morning.

"I've been in six cities so far this week," Johnson said. "And I will admit that I'm a little frustrated and annoyed right now."

Johnson's schedule is packed, even by a college student's standards. He is a host and producer on the BET cable network, a nationally syndicated radio commentator, and youth pastor at the Empowerment Temple African Methodist and Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Md.

He made his late arrival a metaphor for a discussion on the importance of cultural and racial identity to the young black community.

"So many of our young people are showing up late because they didn't know how to get there in the first place," Johnson said.

Johnson's mission is to reach out to the young people, encouraging them to use their voices to affect social and political change.

He says that the youth in black communities are struggling with a crisis of identity. When their communities fail to help them understand their identities as individuals, these young people turn to outside sources and substandard role models.

"Young people are trying to answer some important questions about who they are and where they come from," Johnson said. "But the images they're looking to as role models are rappers and artists on BET who are even more confused than they are."

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Johnson says that Black History Month should help correct this problem by teaching young people to celebrate their own history. Instead, however, he feels that the "season of blackness" has become a way of reducing a rich history to a few significant events and people.

"There is very little discussion of black history outside of two periods: slavery and the civil rights movement," Johnson said. "That's not the sum of our history. What happens if we only view ourselves through our history in times of oppression?"

Johnson says the black community is overly reliant on the messages of spokespersons instead of coordinated efforts of a community. He cited Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example.

"To speak about King at this time of year is frustrating for me," Johnson said. "We have allowed society to box him into the 'I Have a Dream' speech, and we honor him with cups and mugs and catchphrases instead of following his example."

Johnson feels that reliance on the messages of individuals only perpetuates the cult of celebrity that young people worship.

"Young African-Americans become more interested in leaving the community that built them up than in returning to that community to raise it up in return," he said.

Despite all of the problems Johnson finds within Black History Month, he agrees that people should use the time to celebrate black heritage and create a brighter future.

"There is a serious void in leadership among young people—not just in the African-American community, but across the board," he said. "That's because people keep praying for the next Martin or Malcolm when we should be training them."

Sophomore Christina Becker agreed with Johnson's points about the importance of community in affecting change and in defining the individual.



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Jeff Johnson gave a speech in Dodd Auditorium last Wednesday, Feb. 6, as part of the UMW's Black History Month celebration. Johnson is a regular on BET.

"I found it really thought-provoking," Becker said. "It made me realize how everyone has something to contribute—you can't just change yourself. You have to change others too in order to make a difference."

Brrr...It's Cold In Here



By RACHEL NASH
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UMW's second annual ice-carving contest's most excited participants were not even students at the college.



Courtesy of Rachel Nash

Freshman Amanda Boccuti made a heart in honor of Valentine's Day for UMW's second annual ice-carving contest.

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Thumbs Up...Thumbs Down...



Classes being cancelled for Clinton



Freezing temperatures



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Citizenship Awards Given

By ANNE LONGERBEAM
Staff Writer

Imagine being president of the Black Student Association at the University of Mary Washington, an active member of three other prominent diversity groups, and a University tour guide. Now, imagine doing all of these things at once.

Those are the activities that Kiama Anthony, a junior, takes on every day.

Anthony, along with Senior Osob Samantar, was the winner of the Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership given during Jim Lucas' speech on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The annual \$500 scholarship, usually given to a senior, was awarded to both a senior and a junior this semester.

In order to apply, both girls filled out an application from the James Farmer Multicultural Center, in addition to getting a nomination from a faculty member at UMW.

Anthony is a member of Women of Color, Students Educating and Empowering for Diversity, and Brothers of a New Direction. She was honored to receive the award.



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Osob Samantar (left) and Kiama Anthony were the recipients of UMW's Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership.

"I'm pretty excited," said Anthony, a Sociology major. "It really means a lot that somebody thinks that I'm doing something positive here."

Anthony's roommate Shaunique Poole admires her energy.

"I'm very proud of her. She definitely deserves it," Poole said. "She does a lot for the multicultural community here."

As president of Women of Color, and an active member of SEED and the BSA, Samantar also exemplifies what it means to promote diversity across campus.

Although extremely active on campus, Samantar was surprised to be selected out of such a worthy pool of applicants.

"I'm just excited that out of all the seniors I was the one chosen," Samantar said. "I know there are a lot of other seniors who are just as devoted, and work just as hard as I do, and probably deserve it as much as I did."

Anthony agrees.

"At the end of the day, I wouldn't change how busy I am," Anthony said. "Making a difference is what matters most."

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“We are prepared to do an extensive amount of campaigning,” she said. “It will be important for the Republican Party to turn out their voters this fall in the general election.”

Dr. John Kramer, political science department chair, stressed the importance of student voters in the primary and in November’s presidential election.

“It has always been historically dangerous to rely on young people because they don’t vote,” Kramer said. “But this election will be very close and the student vote will matter.”

James Schroll, president of *E Pluribus Unum*, a



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Crowds gather on Broad Street at the State Democratic party’s annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Saturday

non-partisan political awareness group on campus, said that students are poised to play a critical role in deciding the presidential nominations, especially for the Democratic Party.

“Students are playing a big part in Senator Obama’s support,” Schroll said. “Younger voters are crucial to the Illinois senator’s chances of garnering the Democratic nomination.”

Schroll said that Virginia’s political history makes an outcome in November difficult to predict. The state has had two Democratic governors recently but has not voted for a Democratic president in forty years.

However, according to James Martin, executive vice-president for the Virginia Young Democrats, the statistics seem to indicate a possible change to that pattern.

The amount of youth voters for the Democratic Party increased from 30,000 voters in 2004 to 130,000 voters this Tuesday, Martin said.



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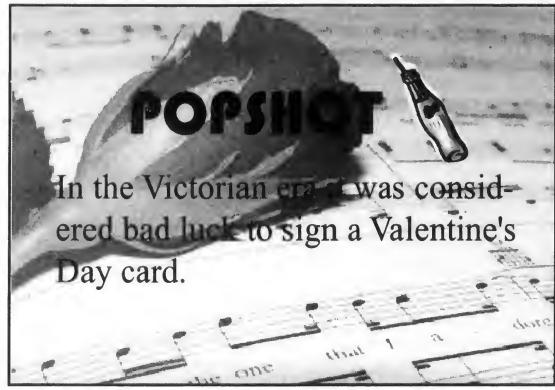
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“We are prepared to do an extensive amount of campaigning,” she said. “It will be important for the Republican Party to turn out their voters this fall in the general election.”

Dr. John Kramer, political science department chair, stressed the importance of student voters in the primary and in November’s presidential election.

“It has always been historically dangerous to rely on young people because they don’t vote,” Kramer said. “But this election will be very close and the student vote will matter.”

James Schroll, president of E Pluribus Unum, a



Katy Burnell Bullet

Crowds gather on Broad Street at the State Democratic party’s annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Saturday



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Defeat in VA to opponent Obama is not the end for Hillary Clinton.

non-partisan political awareness group on campus, said that students are poised to play a critical role in deciding the presidential nominations, especially for the Democratic Party.

“Students are playing a big part in Senator Obama’s support,” Schroll said. “Younger voters are crucial to the Illinois senator’s chances of garnering the Democratic nomination.”

Schroll said that Virginia’s political history makes an outcome in November difficult to predict. The state has had two Democratic governors recently but has not voted for a Democratic president in forty years.

However, according to James Martin, executive vice-president for the Virginia Young Democrats, the statistics seem to indicate a possible change to that pattern.

The amount of youth voters for the Democratic Party increased from 30,000 voters in 2004 to 130,000 voters this Tuesday, Martin said.

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Sophomore Evan Goff jumps and smashes a forehand to his opponent.

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Tennis Takes Down Division I Richmond

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Helbling continued by saying, "the match was an indicator that when we are focused and determined, we are going to come out on top against an evenly matched team way more often than we will lose."

Saturday's match gave a glimpse into the future, as the team will be competing against Division I, II and III teams such as Longwood, George Mason, Johns Hopkins and Salisbury.

The Eagles bring a tradition of excellence into the 2007-2008 season, having won their eighth Capital Athletic Conference title in as many years last season along with advancing to the NCAA tournament for the each year. During the eight-season streak of success, the Eagles finished each season with a top-25 national ranking.

The 2006-2007 season also saw James named Capital Athletic Conference player of the year and joined Loden, Carver, senior Jon Pollak, Dunn and Goff on the all-conference singles team, while helping out Detwiler, Loden and Pollak on the confer-

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Team of the Week

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Athlete of the Week

Sophomore Matt Cash qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 800 meters at the team's meet Saturday.

Campus Rec

HALO 3 Challenge
 Event type: Special Event
 Entries open: Feb. 13
 Entries close: March 13
 Event date: March 14
 Event time: TBD
 Location: The Washroom

7-on-7 Outdoor Soccer
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 Entries open: Feb. 11
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Sports



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Danta Moore and other Mary Washington Mothers rush toward defenders from Christopher Newport. The Mothers crushed the Patriots 48-10 on Saturday.

Mothers Blowout Patriots

By JEREMY JORDAN
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington rugby team opened its spring 2008 season with a win in dominating fashion over Christopher Newport University. The "Mothers" beat the Patriots 48-10.

The good weather Saturday brought out one of the larger crowds to the Battlegrounds. The spectators were treated to quite a performance as the Mothers came out firing.

A total of four tries were scored in the first half, however none were scored by Christopher Newport. A try in rugby is worth five points and the kick after is worth two points. Because the kick is taken from a spot parallel to where the ball is placed in the try-zone, the kick is worth more than in football because of the extreme angle of the kick.

The Patriots were finally able to get on the board with just a few minutes left in the game but by that point many of the Mary Washington starters had already called it a day.

Still it was the Mothers who scored the last

try of the game, capping off the first win of the season. Overall the team had 7 tries, two of which came from team co-captain, junior Ben Burgoyne.

Burgoyne suggested that the team is in a rebuilding phase. This begs the question that if this is the case, what phase is Christopher Newport in?

Team co-captain, junior Kyle Yolles, believes the team is simply in transition. "We're thinking about going into Division III," Yolles said.

If the team moves down from Division II, Mary Washington would be competing against schools such as, Old Dominion University and Longwood University.

Although these matches during the spring don't count as conference games players believe they still serve a valuable purpose.

"We have things we need to work on," said junior Baker Pruijksma. Baker said that the main goal in spring is to get the new guys that haven't played before some playing time, and to build a good foundation for next fall.

The rugby team is always recruiting, and is

happy to have new guys come out to practices. Practices are from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and

many players due to graduation.

"We had a really senior-dominated team last year," Pruijksma said.

According to Yolles the most important thing for the team right now is recruitment.

"Right now we only have one senior who's playing," Pruijksma said.

On Saturday, the younger team members were able to show their improvement.

"A lot of the younger guys stepped up really well today," Burgoyne said.

At least for one day the future looked bright for the men's rugby team.

"It was a good game, we worked together real well. We communicated pretty well," Burgoyne said. "There's still a lot to work on though since we're still young."

The team is trying to put together a successful spring season, while allowing their younger players to gain valuable experience, so that the fall should be a successful season. Perhaps then, there can be more games just like this one.

"It's fun when you play a team that you can whoop on," Burgoyne said.

Tennis Serves Up Victory At Home

By NICK NELSON
Assistant Sports Editor

The 2008 season has begun with plenty of promise for the University of Mary Washington men's tennis team. A resounding 5 to 2 victory against University of Richmond last Saturday has left the squad filled with optimism about the remainder of a very competitive schedule and eyeing yet another conference championship, national ranking and NCAA tournament bid.

Mary Washington came into Saturday's season opener ranked number twelve in the nation, playing a team they had never beaten, the Division I Richmond Spiders.

"I thought this was an exciting match for our team," UMW junior John James said. "If we were able to beat a team of such high quality in the beginning, we're going to be able to beat even better teams as the season progresses."

In singles play, James and teammate Jason Dunn both were victorious in straight sets. Freshman Bryce Parrish and senior Eddie Carver were also able to pull out victories, while junior Randy

Loden and sophomore Evan Goff unfortunately fell in their matches.

Doubles play was equally successful for the Eagle squad. Loden and freshman Kaz Murata won 8-2, though Goff and Parrish were defeated 8-3. James and Sophomore Zach Detwiler finished the doubles competition with suspenseful form but were able to pull out a 9-7 victory.

Dunn echoed the optimism with his comments on the team's performance. "[Richmond] is D-I and came into the match expecting to win, but we came out ready to play and the results were pretty one-sided," he said. "They were slightly weaker from previous years, but I think we came in stronger also."

Head Coach Todd Helbling was positive about the success and progress his team has shown after the first match of the season.

"Beating Richmond was a great way to start the season. They are a solid team and our guys showed excellent focus, energy and belief."



Junior Randy Loden returns with a powerful forehand in his doubles match with Freshman Kaz Murata. The doubles team won their match against Richmond.